



The Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Issues

Meeting, Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 6:00PM

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation

375 S Euclid Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719

MINUTES AND

LEGAL ACTION REPORT

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Co-Chair Wilhite called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Present*: Commissioners Goodrich, Hibbs, Molina, Moutray, Segebartt, Sladky, Webb and Wilhite.

Absent: Foley, Hildreth, Pankratz, Velazquez

A quorum was established.

***Commissioner Dawson was in attendance, however, had not completed her Oath of Office, therefore could not be counted as a voting member.**

Other applicants for Commission Membership present were:

Dominique Calza, Jessica Patrick and Erin Russ.

2. Chair Wilhite called upon all present to introduce themselves. All recently appointed Commission members, current members and those pending applicants to fill upcoming vacancies gave brief introductions.

3. Minutes/Previous LAR meeting of May 24, 2018, motion by Segebartt and seconded by Molina to approve, passed unanimously.

4. Call to Audience (3 minutes each) Erin Russ gave a brief talk. Joyce Bolinger reported that Dea Bragalla, former commissioner and community volunteer/activist passed away under hospice care. Memorial services pending.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Set a date, place and time for the Commission Retreat and Learning Workshop. ACTION ITEM.

Much discussion on this, a motion by Segebartt and seconded by Molina to table setting a time and date until the next meeting. Call for a vote 7 YES 1 ABSTAIN. (Note: This will be the 5th delay in scheduling this retreat/workshop.)

6. LGBTQ Tourism Update.

Chair Wilhite gave information report.

7. Human Relations Commission Update.

Commissioner Hibbs gave report and requested that since Commissioner Adam Ragan has resigned and there is a vacancy on the HRC from GLBT Commission (NOTE: taken from the HRC datapage -

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission will designate 1 member to serve on the Human Relations Commission.

Since this is a volunteer position, Chair Wilhite called for volunteers, there being only one, Jesse Segebartt, he is so designated to represent the GLBT Commission on the HRC Commission. Commissioner Hibbs will check on what is necessary for Segebartt to do as far as paperwork, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and vote regarding selection of a Chair leadership choice:

- a. Chairman OR
- b. Two Co-Chairs OR
- c. Chairman AND Two Co-Vice Chairs

ACTION ITEM

Chair Wilhite explained the various possible choices and the advantage of having a Chairman and 2 Co-Vice Chairs was discussed, advantages of “c” were discussed at length.

Motion made by Webb and seconded by Segebartt to adopt leadership by a Chairman and 2 Co-Vice Chairs. Passed unanimously.

9. Nomination and Election of selected leadership chair(s).

ACTION ITEM

Chair Wilhite called for nominations, either self or otherwise for one of the Co-Vice Chair seats. Molina and Segebartt expressed interest in these seats.

No further interest shown, Hibbs makes motion for Molina to fill one of the Co-Vice seats, seconded by Webb, Passed unanimously.

Hibbs then motions that Segebartt fill the 2nd Co-Vice seat, seconded by Webb. Call for voice vote: 7 YES 1 ABSTAIN

Chair Wilhite called for nominations, either self or otherwise for the Chairman position. Webb and Goodrich self nominated. Chair Wilhite called for a paper vote. He requested that since Dawson could not vote, that she tally the final paper vote. She passed the information to Wilhite and he declared Webb as having the majority of the paper ballot count.

10. Commission appointment of Advisory (non-voting) Members (4).

ACTION ITEM

Discussion regarding advantage of having these positions added to our current roster, as non-voting members, these members will NOT count toward a quorum of the commission but will keep a line-up of interested commissioner applicants involved in the regular meetings and any work Groups without voting privilege.

Webb motions to add four Advisory (non-voting) Members to our roster waiting until our next regular meeting to make the appointments to fill those positions. Motion seconded by Moutray.

11. Set monthly meeting schedule for remainder of Calendar Year.

ACTION ITEM

Much discussion held regarding future Regular Meeting times and days. General consensus was to begin earlier like at 5:30 rather than 6PM. Dates to be determined by a poll. It was decided to table action on this item until an email poll of all current members, to be conducted by Segebartt, to determine what would be better for the majority of the members. Segebartt to poll as soon as possible for next meeting and future dates.

12. Commissioners Summary of Current Events - Several reports of community activities were announced.

Since John-Peter Wilhite is resigning his membership on this commission and this being the last meeting he will chair, Goodrich presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from The City of Tucson, Office of The Mayor, recognizing John-Peter Wilhite s many years of service

(attached)

13. Future Agenda Items -

Date for Commission Retreat and Learning Workshop - carried over.

Dates and times of future Regular Meeting Schedule - carried over.

Segebartt requests possible name change to this commission.

14. Adjournment. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.